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DOUBLE SHIFTS IN POLYTECHNICS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has proposed to allow double shifts in the polytechnics to ease land requirement for setting up new Polytechnics by 50 percent;

(b) if so, whether the Government is also considering to provide teachers to these institutions, facing shortage at present; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), select diploma level institutions with adequate infrastructure, faculty and other facilities may be allowed to conduct two shifts, provided that such arrangements do not affect the quality of education. More specially, it should not lead to any reduction in workshop, laboratories and contact teaching hours. Adequate faculty and other resources have to be provided to ensure quality diploma level education. The council has relaxed the land requirement for establishment of diploma level institutions by 50 percent. The new land requirement is as fallows :

Category	Land (in Acres)
Mega cities	1.5
Metro Cities including State Capitals	2.5
Others	5

(b) & (c): To meet the shortage of faculty at diploma level, the Council has relaxed the faculty norms for diploma level institutions, like faculty student ratio has been reduced from 1:15 to 1:20 and cadre ratio has been changed from 1:2:6 (Head of Department : Senior Lecture : Lecture) to 1:3 (Head of Department : Senior Lecturer/Lecturer).